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TEXAS TRUCKER PLEADS GUILTY TO TRAFFICKING IN COCAINE

*– Over 51 kilograms of cocaine seized in his tractor trailer
– \$5,175,000 street value*

BOWLING GREEN, KY - **Humberto Contreras-Carrasco** age 36, of El Paso, Texas, pled guilty to conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and possession with intent to distribute cocaine, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today.

Contreras-Carrasco pled guilty and admitted that on March 26, 2007, he and co-defendant Francisco De La Cruz-Navarro, were driving a tractor trailer carrying 51.75 kilograms of cocaine from El Paso, Texas to Columbus, Ohio that was stopped by a Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement (KVE) Officer in Simpson County, Kentucky for speeding. Upon stopping the tractor trailer, the KVE Officer approached the tractor trailer and identified De La Cruz-Navarro as the driver and Contreras-Carrasco as the passenger. A subsequent search of the contents of the tractor trailer uncovered three duffel bags containing 51.75 kilograms of cocaine. During his plea, Contreras-Carrasco admitted that he and De La Cruz-Navarro conspired and aided and abetted each other to transport the cocaine from El Paso, Texas to another location within the United States.

De La Cruz-Navarro is scheduled for a jury trial on August 28, 2007, in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

The maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, an \$8,000,000 fine, and

supervised release for a period of no less than 5 years; and the minimum potential penalties are 10 imprisonment.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel P. Kinnicutt, and it was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement.

The plea was entered before Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky.

Contreras-Carrasco is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Joseph H. McKinley, Jr. on November 2, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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